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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ANALYSIS CONCERNING INDIA AND A CTB

1. IN CONNECTION WITH AN OPTIONS PAPER RELATING TO THE COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY (CTB), NEA/INS WAS ASKED TODAY TO PROVIDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE INDIAN REACTION TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A CTB MIGHT BE INCLUDED WITH THE SOVIETS. FOR INCORPORATION IN OUR ASSESSMENT, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FROM THE EMBASSY BY OPENING OF BUSINESS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, ITS JUDGMENT REGARDING THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, WHICH WILL THEN BE DISCUSSED AT AN INTERAGENCY MEETING ON THAT DAY.

A. GIVEN PRIME MINISTER DESAI'S STATEMENTS, CONVERSATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, AND THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION IN INDIA, WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT
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INDIA WOULD BECOME A PARTY TO A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY WHICH PLACED THE SAME RESTRICTIONS ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES?

B. GIVEN THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCES, WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT INDIA WOULD BECOME A PARTY TO A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN

TREATY WHICH ALLOWED THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO ENGAGE
IN SOME TESTING FOR THE PURPOSES OF MAINTAINING CONFIDENCE

IN THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS STOCKPILE, BUT WHICH DID NOT
ALLOW NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO DETONATE ANY DEVICE?

C. TO WHAT EXTENT, IF ANY, WOULD THE PROSPECTS FOR
IMPLEMENTING PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER TO PLACE INDIAN
NUCLEAR FACILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS BE
AFFECTED BY PERMITTING THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES TO DO
SOME TESTING NOT PERMITTED TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES
SUCH AS INDIA? VANCE

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